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Pitcher to Get FBI Records

Justice Unit Agrees in Giving Records

The Justice Department has agreed to turn over to Baton Rouge Dist. Atty. Sargent Pitcher all records obtained by the FBI in an alleged telephone link with the underworld and the state capitol.

Michael Epstein, an assistant attorney general, told Pitcher that all documents obtained from the phone company would be produced, the paper said.

Pitcher said Thursday night, however, that he has no idea when he will receive the records.

Pitcher is seeking the records of alleged calls made from an office of rackets figure Carlos Marcello in New Orleans to a phone that was in the office of the speaker of the House.

The phone was maintained for the convenience of C. H. "Sammy" Downs who was an unpaid administrative assistant to Gov. John McKeithen.

Life magazine alleged that the calls were made to Aubrey Young, a former aide to McKeithen.

Both Young and Downs denied ever having received calls from Marcello on the phone.

Gov. McKeithen requested the investigation into the possible link and Pitcher said he plans to submit his findings to the governor as soon as possble.

Epstein is the attorney who is handling the investigation into the alleged bribe attempt of Baton Rouge Teamster Union boss Grady Partin.

The alleged bribe was reportedly an effort to free Teamster President James Hoffa from prison.